



The Palais Royal Spring "Opening."

Tomorrow, the first day of the "Opening," will find the great building in spring attire. Always an attractive store, The Palais Royal will be more than ever beautiful tomorrow. The planning dates back months ago—the consummation is only now. More than a quarter million dollars has been invested by "buyers" who know by long experience that not a penny's worth of ridiculously trashy or absurdly extreme goods will be tolerated here. And so The Palais Royal, as ever, bridges the chasm between the many stores where extremely cheap or extremely expensive goods reign supreme.

Fashionable Foulard Silks.

The beginning of the season few merchants dreamed that Satin-finish Foulards would be the rage. But time has proved the Palais Royal "buyer" a true prophet, and the reward is ours and yours—the Satin-finish Foulards now being generally retailed at \$1 are here at 75c yard. The Twilled Foulards, generally retailed at 75c, are here at 59c yard. No cheap Foulards have been tolerated. If you would pay less than 59c buy the silk Mousselines in Foulard designs and colorings. They are here at only 29c yard, and will prove far more satisfactory than cheap Foulards.

Taffeta Silks.

59c yard for 68c quality, and 75c for 85c quality—will be popular souvenirs of the "Opening." Black, white, cream, and in all the new spring shades.

89c for \$1 Silks.

Choice of the new \$1 Fancy Silks for shirt waists, &c. Homestead, braided, and lace stripe taffeta, polka dot, and stripe Louisines, &c. Loveliest of new spring shades.

10% Discount.

All Black Silks at 10 per cent discount. Think of only 90c yard for warranted \$1 Black Silks—new material given if that selected splits or cracks.



Fashionable Wool Fabrics

All the Black Wool Dress Goods and Black Grenadines at 10 per cent discount—a souvenir of the "Opening" that means considerable saving in the cost of a dress. And choice is offered of a matchless stock of new goods.

Clinging Fabrics.

\$1.49 yard for our \$1.88 Silk Poplin Tissue. In this new shade, you'll get the fabric generally retailed at \$1.75 for only \$1.49. Correspondingly low prices for all the new clinging fabrics.

New Suitings.

75c yard for \$1 quality 54-inch wide Cheviots, in latest spring shades of modes, tans, greys, reds, blues, pinks, and only 36c yard for \$1 Wool Crepes, in black and colors.

Wash Dress Goods.

Miles and miles of these goods. Enough to create a mighty army of adorable summer girls. The souvenir of the "Opening" among the imported goods is the offering of the new, lovely 50c Swisses at only 39c yard.

7½c Yard.

The "Opening" Souvenir—choice of 19,999 yards of the Quality India Molls at 7½c yard. Very sheer material, very beautiful effects in new blues, greys, lavenders, pinks, etc. A dress for \$1.

18c Yard.

An "Opening" Souvenir that will bring crowds to this second floor, 18c yard for the Island, Senior, German, Black, white, and lovely shades of greys, lavenders, blues, lavenders, pinks, etc.

Linings and Dress Findings.

The greatest surprise—11c yard for "Silk-like" and other well-known 25c Linings. The right is reserved to limit the quantity sold each purchaser. The price—11c—is less than asked for 25c Linings at wholesale. We are not willing to supply the trade—thus our reservation. This rule also applies to the following: The 39c quality French Hair Cloth at 20c yard and the 16c quality Canvas Facing at 10c yard. The following special prices for best Dress Findings—offered in any quantity—will be appreciated by dressmakers.

Beltings.

All-silk Heavy Dress Belting—25c piece.
Double Serge Silk Belting—70c piece.
Double Serge Silk Belting—60c piece.
Heavy Moire Silk Belting—89c piece.
Black and White Glass Belting—12c piece.
White and Black Silk Belting—19c piece.
Glass Skirt Belting—per belt—3c piece.
French Silk Stuffed Belting—50c piece.
Double Satin Dress Belting—10c piece.

Casings.

Silk-stitched Bone Casings, 9-7c yard piece.
Fancy Silk-stitched Bone Casings—10c piece.
Pure Mohair Bone Casings—25c piece.
Pure Silk Bone Casings—39c piece.
Perfection All-silk Seam Binding—7c piece.
All-silk Taffeta Binding—10c piece.
Bird Taffeta Seam Binding—12c piece.
Taffeta Binding for skirt—29c piece.
Prussian Binding, extra heavy—18c piece.

Skirt Bindings.

Blas Velveteen Skirt Bindings—9c piece.
Waterproof Blas Velveteen, curved—20c piece.
Liberty Skirt Facings—5-yard—25c piece.
Best Brush Brads, silk finish—7c piece.
Best Velveteen Binding, brush edge—yard—7c piece.
Waterproof Dress Facing, en-tirely new—yard—9c piece.
Mohair Skirt Brads, 5-yard—15c piece.
Mohair Brush Brads, heavy weight—yard—4c piece.

Dress Shields.

Kleinert's Silk Dress Shields, 19c pair.
White House Dress Shields, 9c pair.
L'Alphon Robier Covered Dress Shields, 9c pair.

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Double Covered Rubber Dress Shields, 15c pair.
Best Stockinette Dress Shields, 8c pair.
Amolite Shields, "Odorous" Dress Shields, 23c pair.

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Candied Shields, Stockinette, 25c pair.
Satin Rubber Shields, 19c pair.
Attachable Dress Shields, 17c pair.

Fashionable Ribbons.

The newly fashionable Ribbons are "soft finish," to admit of making the fashionable rosettes for millinery and neckwear. The result is that the ribbon makers are frantically endeavoring to dispose of the passe stiff ribbons. Some few merchants have been beguiled. You'll not be disappointed at the Palais Royal. Prices as little and less than being quoted for the passe are here asked for the latest and best. The Palais Royal has consummated a series of the largest and every way greatest purchases in its career.

New 50c Ribbons, 29c Yd.

10,000 yards of the generally scarce and ultra fashionable 50c Soft and Soft-finish Satin Liberty Ribbons, 4 inches wide. The very latest for rosettes, bows, streamers, etc. Considered good value at 50c yard. Nowhere else at less than 50c. Here at 29c—and in perfect variety of new shades.

New 25c Ribbons, 11c Yd.

Choice of all the new spring shades, in plain color Taffeta Silk Ribbons and "fancies" in Soft-finish Ribbons, for the neck, dress, trimming and millinery. 3½ inches wide, 18c and 35c values at 11c a yard. It will be well to come tomorrow prepared to secure a supply sufficient for months to come. The investment will practically net you 50 per cent profit.

New 35c Ribbons, 19c Yd.

Choice of 10,000 yards of the newly fashionable and very beautiful Soft Crepe Ribbons, 4 inches wide. Best of new 35c Ribbons at only 19c yard. The absence here of ugly colors will be gratifying—and less price is asked you than prevailing for the passe stiff ribbons.

Velvet Ribbons, 39c Piece.

2500 pieces of best Black Velvet Ribbons at 39c per piece of 18 yards. What is 2500 pieces when the price asked is half the actual value?

The Palais Royal, A. LISNER, G and 11th Streets.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

Indian Agent Schoenfeld, who has charge of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory, and who gained a name for himself in quelling a recent outbreak among the Creeks, is a fine specimen of a man. He is a giant in stature, and breadth is the main characteristic of his frame. He has also a broad and friendly countenance, and his laugh, which is infectious, makes everyone within earshot join in the chorus. He was explaining conditions among his Indian charges to a group of friends gathered around him in the smoking room of the Normandie Hotel last night.

CAVALRY OFFICERS ASSIGNED. Those Recently Promoted Are Directed to New Posts.

The following officers of the cavalry arm of the service recently promoted from captains to majors have, by direction of the Secretary of War, received these assignments: Daniel C. Pearson, to Second Cavalry; George A. Duff, to Fourth Cavalry; Henry H. Wright, Ninth Cavalry; Herbert E. Tetterly, Eleventh Cavalry; Luther R. Hare, Twelfth Cavalry; Thaddeus W. Jones, Thirtieth Cavalry; Francis H. Harle, Fourteenth Cavalry; George K. Hunter, Fifteenth Cavalry; Charles M. O'Connor, Fourteenth Cavalry; Louis A. Craig, Fifteenth Cavalry; Wilbur E. Wilder, Fourteenth Cavalry; John F. Guilfoyle, Twelfth Cavalry; Charles H. Waters, Fifth Cavalry; Frank A. Edwards, Twelfth Cavalry; Eugene A. Ellis, Thirtieth Cavalry; Matthias W. Day, Fifteenth Cavalry; Walter L. Finley, Eleventh Cavalry. Captain promoted from first lieutenants have been assigned as follows: George M. Carter, Fourth Cavalry; Harry G. Trant, Second Cavalry; Edward C. Brooks, Third Cavalry; Malvern Hill Barnum, Eighth Cavalry; Lecher Hardesty, Eleventh Cavalry; Edmund S. Wright, First Cavalry; William H. Hay, Tenth Cavalry. Major Bailey and Captain Hardesty are to be stationed at Fort Myer, Va.

THE YACHT SANTA SAFE.

After Being Considered Lost She Arrives at Bermuda.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, March 16.—The yacht Santa, a sixty-five-footer, designed by Pitt and built at Falmouth, was purchased by A. Howard Hinkel, an American, and was supposed to have been lost, arrived here today. She had a tempestuous voyage of forty-two days from Southampton. All on board are well.

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A SURPLUS REALIZED.

The Inauguration Guaranty Fund Being Repaid to Subscribers.

Secretary Harrison Dugan, of the Inauguration Committee, with his corps of assistants at Inaugural Headquarters, is engaged in making out checks for the repayment of the amounts subscribed to the inauguration guaranty fund. The entire amount of the subscription will be refunded within a few days.

It now appears probable that the Inauguration Committee will have a surplus of nearly \$2,000 when all the debts contracted for the inaugural ceremonies are paid and the guaranty fund returned to the subscribers. In accordance with precedent, the surplus will probably be devoted to the needs of local charities. A considerable increase in the surplus of the receipts from all sources of revenue over the amount of the expenditures in preparing for the inaugural ceremonies has been occasioned by the profits from the conduct of the reviewing stands. The Committee on Parks and Reviewing Stands will have very little short of \$1,000 to turn into the Inaugural Committee treasury. The figures have grown considerably since the accounts of the reviewing stands have been determined. The approximate estimate of the profits was \$1,500. The exact receipts of the committee, Chairman John D. Larner states, are \$1,800. All of the expenditures cannot be accurately stated, as some few small items may yet be added to the total, which now appears not much in excess of \$1,500.

The amount of \$1,000 was quoted by Mr. Larner in the early councils of the Inaugural Committee, as the approximate figure for which the Court of Honor and the four attendant stands could be constructed. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to Mr. Larner that the actual cost of construction has not exceeded this amount. While one of the contractors has not made a profit, and in fact incurred a considerable loss on his contract, the second contractor has made nearly 30 per cent profit, and fully enough to double the amount claimed lost by the first contractor.

The sum of \$3,000, comprising the expenditures of the reviewing stands, the reviewing stands, alterations, and maintenance. The review stand consumed the greater part of this amount.

THE ALABAMA A FLYER.

Rear Admiral Evans Reports on the Battleship's Final Test.

Rear Admiral Evans has sent to the Navy Department the report of the trial run of which he is the president upon the final test of the battleship Alabama, which took place off Pensacola on March 11, 12, and 13. The report states that at the first day a two-hour full-power trial was had under natural draft, using Virginia coal. Both the main and the secondary engines worked satisfactorily. The horse-power developed was 2,500, and a speed of 12.2 knots was attained. A test of the gun showed some minor defects, which can be easily remedied. Smokeless powder was used. On the whole the big ship and its workings were satisfactory.

Proof of the Flying.

Ten hours between New York and Buffalo means excellent travel, and when I say traveled at the rate of sixty miles an hour, you can believe me when I say my ride was traveling, as clean as when I stepped off at Buffalo as a rail rider. The attention of all who wish to travel in luxury, in absolute cleanliness, and in security, is called to the attention of the flying train, the "Lackawanna Limited," which is a favorite train with ladies visiting the Pan-American Exposition—Marie Jarboe, in "Tolliver."

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A FAMILY HAS A MONOPOLY.

Stamp Collectors Made by the Chambers for Sixty-Five Years.

Since 1835 all the machines used for canceling postage stamps and marking envelopes with the name of the postoffice, the date, etc., have been made by one family. In the year named, the Postmaster General entered into a contract with Benjamin Chambers, a citizen of this city, to furnish a device by which postage stamps might be canceled so that they could not be used again. Although there have since been many competitors, that contract has been renewed year after year for sixty-five years with Mr. Chambers, his son, and his grandson, respectively. The Chambers family has a secret process by which the dies are made of malleable iron and carbonized into steel at a cost of from 50 cents to \$2.75 each.

The Chambers contract is the only one entered into by the Government that has been renewed so often and continued so long. The Postoffice Department buys about \$25,000 worth of new cancellers every year. Bids are advertised for annually, and every now and then some ambitious manufacturer who thinks he has a good thing offers a proposal. But the Chambers family seems to be invincible. They have improved their device until it is now almost perfect.

The stamper is a circular cast steel box, with a screw thread, one end of which is a disk of steel. A portion of its thickness enters the box by means of a screw thread around its periphery of almost twenty threads to the inch. On the inside of the disk is a portion of the thickness of the inner face while the remaining thickness of the disk forms a flange with the edge, which is turned with the hand or a wrench. The outer face of the disk is characters of the postoffice in relief. These characters combine the marking and the canceling device, one being on one side of the disk, enclosing the name of the postoffice in a circle.

There are three slots for removable type, for minutes, dates, hour and half hour. Diametrically opposite the circle is the canceling device, the side of which is parallel with the edge of the disk. Any required number or letter is cut in relief in the center, while three grooves are cut into the disk. The type is of steel and has on the ends opposite the faces projections from the outer edges, so that when inserted in the slot the projections can be clamped and held in place.

Although the Chambers factory is located in Virginia, it is found necessary to maintain a repair shop in Washington, so that the necessary repairs in perfecting damaged dies are obtained.

TO EXTRADITE HERSKOVITZ.

Canada's Request for Surrender of Alleged Perjuror Granted.

The State Department has granted the request made by the Canadian Government, through Lord Pauncefote, for the extradition of George W. Herskovitz, of Toledo, Ohio. Herskovitz is wanted in Canada to answer the charge of perjury. It is alleged that he eloped from Ohio with a girl of fifteen years and in Canada, in order to obtain a permit to marry, he swore falsely that the girl was of legal age. The parents of the girl objected to the marriage and are said to have caused the extradition proceedings.

Herskovitz is a Republican politician of some prominence in Toledo, and a member of the Republican State Committee. It is said that he invoked the aid of Senator Hanna and Representative Dick to resist extradition process, but without avail.

Candidly--

The first six pianos mentioned here cannot be told from new instruments, even by experts--

But because they have been rented during the past season we offer them at the following substantial reductions. Since Congress adjourned many rented pianos are being returned to us, and splendid bargains are to be picked up:

2 \$500 Gable Pianos. Upright Grands—mahogany and walnut	\$418
\$375 Mathushek Upright Grand, walnut case	\$320
\$550 A. R. Chase Upright Grand, walnut case, carved panels	\$485
\$275 Huntington Upright Grand, mahogany, with carved panels	\$235
\$450 Poole Upright Grand, walnut, with swelled ends and carved panels	\$375
\$350 Grovesteen & Fuller, in good condition	\$175
A Marshall & Smith Square Piano for	\$75
A Decker & Barnes Square Piano for	\$110
A Knabe Square Piano for	\$125
A Steinway Square Piano for	\$150

All in good repair and tuneful condition.

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20 Cents Each.

We have only 300 more frames at this price.

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L. STEIN, 411 Seventh St. N.W.

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